

REMARKS

Claims 65-78 and 89-118 are currently pending, of which claims 65, 89, 97, and 108 are in independent form.

Claims 79-88 have been cancelled without prejudice, expressly retaining full rights in the subject matter recited therein.

In light of the amendments set forth above and in view of the remarks set forth below, withdrawal of the claim rejections and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):

In the pending Office Action, independent claims 65, 89, 97, and 108 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,958,006 to Eggleston et al. ("Eggleston").

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending rejections under § 102(e) have been overcome or otherwise rendered moot by the present response. The claimed embodiments of the present disclosure are generally directed to a scheme for redirecting information between a messaging host system and a user's wireless mobile data communication device. A data item incorporating a message and an attachment, addressed to a user's e-mail address, is received at the messaging host system. After redirection of the

message to the mobile data communication device over a wireless network, and after the attachment is forwarded to the mobile data communication device responsive to a user request, a follow-up message is received at the host system from the mobile data communication device. The follow-up message is then merged with the original data item and sent to a follow-up address in such a manner that the user's mail address is configured as the originating address of the follow-up message.

In the prior Office Action, Eggleston was relied upon in support of the § 102(e) rejections of the then-pending independent claims. Although Eggleston appears to teach forwarding a reply mail item to the sender, there is no teaching or suggestion therein with respect to receiving a follow-up message which is merged with the original data item and sent to a follow-up address wherein the user's e-mail address is configured as the originating address. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that base claims 65, 89, 97, and 108, and the dependent claims depending respectively therefrom are allowable over Eggleston.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a):

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected independent claim 79, along with dependent claims 66, 71-78, 80-88, 90, 91, 92-96, 98, 100-107, 109 and 111-118, as being unpatentable over the

combination of Eggleston and U.S. Patent No. 5,964,833 to Kikinis ("Kikinis").

With respect to claims 79-88, the Examiner's rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

The remaining dependent claims are patentable over the combination of Eggleston and Kikinis. As noted above, Eggleston is deficient when applied as a primary reference against the pending base claims as currently constituted. Kikinis does not incorporate any teaching or suggestion overcoming this deficiency. Thus, the pending claims are allowable over Eggleston and Kikinis, even in combination.

Fee Statement

Compared to the highest number previously paid for, the number of independent claims has remained the same and the total number of claims has not increased. Applicant is filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the instant patent application. Accordingly, payment via electronic filing is being authorized in the amount of \$810.00 of the RCE fee. Applicant believes no additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Submission and RCE. If any additional fees are due or any overpayments have been made, however, please charge or credit our deposit account (Deposit Account No. 03-1130).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the cited references, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses, anticipates or suggests the embodiments defined by the present claims, allowance of the present claims is respectfully requested.

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